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SUMMII

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PERHAPS, IF WE KNEW THE CONSEQUENCES BEFORE MAKING OUR CHOICES, WE WOULD HAVE TAKEN DIFFERENT ROADS...

CALEB'S CHOICE HAS SEPARATED HIM FROM CORNELIA, LEAVING HIM FULL OF REGRET!

THAT BOY KNOWS HOW TO HIDE HIS FEELINGS, BUT AT NIGHT, WHEN HIS EYES ARE SHUT AND HIS MIND IS FREE...

...THE TRUTH ARISES AND THEN WHATEVER IS INSIDE OF HIM SHOWS ON HIS FACE!

I CANNOT CHANGE THE DESTINY OF PEOPLE, BUT I CAN SHOW THEM WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN...

...SO THAT THEY CAN BETTER UNDERSTAND THE VALUE OF WHAT THEY HAVE HAD AND WHAT THEY HAVE LOST!

AND FOR THAT NEW DREAM TO BEGIN, THERE IS A NEED TO TAKE A STEP BACK TO THAT DAY AT KANDRAKAR!

I PROMISED YOU AN ANSWER IF I CAME OUT OF THE BATTLE WITH NERISSA ALL IN ONE PIECE.

I AM LISTENING, CALEB...

WELL... THE TRUTH IS THAT IT ALL HAPPENED SO QUICKLY AND... IT'S NOT EASY TO MAKE A DECISION LIKE THIS!

IT'S NOTHING! GO AHEAD... AND TELL ME WHAT YOU MUST SAY!

BUT YOU'RE CRYING!

THIS LONG WAIT IS MAKING ME SUFFER! I HAVE WAITED FOR SO LONG, BUT NOW, PLEASE... SPEAK!

CORNELIA, YOU ARE SUFFERING SO MUCH...

...BUT HOW CAN I TELL YOU THAT I STILL HAVE NOT DECIDED? I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

THERE ARE SO MANY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US... AND SHE'S SO DIFFERENT FROM WHEN I MET HER!

THIS IS THE CORNELIA THAT I HAVE LEARNED TO LOVE... BUT THIS IS NOT HER REAL APPEARANCE...

...IT'S AS IF SHE WERE TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE...

CALEB, PLEASE...

IF YOU WANT, CORNELIA, I WILL GO TO HEATHERFIELD WITH YOU!

...SAY SOMETHING!

Y-YES, FORGIVE ME...

COME! I WANT TO TELL THE GIRLS IMMEDIATELY!

OH, CALEB! I AM SO HAPPY!

YES, MAYBE THIS IS THE BEST SOLUTION! I'LL HAVE TIME TO KNOW HER BETTER AND EVERYTHING WILL FALL INTO PLACE...

YES... THINGS COULDN'T HAVE TURNED OUT ANY BETTER!

YOU WOULD HAVE HAD A HAPPY RECEPTION, CALEB! CORNELIA S JOY WOULD HAVE BEEN HER FRIENDS'...

...EVERYONE WOULD HAVE DONE HIS OR HER BEST TO HELP YOU...

...TRYING TO MAKE YOU FEEL AT HOME IN A PLACE UNKNOWN TO YOU!

I... REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY!

DON'T SAY A THING! MY BROTHER HAS A LOT OF SWEATERS! HE WON'T NOTICE! ONE MORE OR ONE LESS...

WHEN MOLD GREEN TUNICS ARE IN FASHION, THEN YOU CAN WEAR YOUR OLD CLOTHES AGAIN WITHOUT LOOKING STRANGE!

SPEAKING OF MOLD, WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THOSE STAINS?

HEY! THIS ISN'T MOLD!

HE'S RIGHT! IT'S MOSS!

MPFFFF...

DON'T YOU DARE LAUGH!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT!

MAGIC AND LOVE CAN DO GREAT THINGS BUT WHEN THESE FORCES ARE UNITED, THEY CAN DO MUCH MORE!

AND SO YOU WOULD HAVE FACED THE WORLD OF HEATHERFIELD A DIFFICULT WORLD...

...BUT NOTHING IS TOO DIFFICULT FOR SOMEONE WHO KNOWS HOW TO BATTLE!

GRENDAL'S THUNDER-BOLTS! I HAD ALREADY SEEN YOUR CITY...

...BUT I HADN'T SEEN THIS!

ACTUALLY, THE AFTERNOON TRAFFIC ISN'T SUCH A GOOD SIGHT...

...BUT YOU'LL GET USED TO IT! IT'S ALWAYS THIS WAY! EVERYDAY, DURING THE SAME HOUR!

AND IF THE JAMS ON THE SURFACE FRIGHTEN YOU, YOU SHOULD SEE THE ONES UNDER-GROUND!

OH YES! THE SUBWAY! AS TIGHT AS SARDINES IN A TIN!

MILK
FISH
SHOES
BEEP BEEP
POOOOT
POOOT
M

DON'T LISTEN TO THOSE TWO, CALEB! FIRST IMPRESSIONS DON'T COUNT!

I WILL CERTAINLY FIT IN... EVEN IF I STILL DON'T KNOW HOW!

I DON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT WHAT SURROUNDS ME... YOUR HABITS...

AND I DON'T HAVE A HOUSE I DON'T HAVE A JOB...

IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME! AND CONCERNING THE HOUSE, I HAVE THE SOLUTION!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

BUT IT'S ELYON'S HOUSE!

THE QUEEN OF MERIDIAN LIVED HERE?

THE BROWN FAMILY LIVED HERE! IT'S NOT A REGAL RESIDENCE BUT IT WILL DO!

EXCUSE ME, CORNELIA, BUT THIS DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A GOOD SOLUTION TO ME!

IT'S A TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT! WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?

IT'S NOT SAFE TO BE THERE! THAT'S AN ABANDONED HOUSE AND SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE SO...

...ESPECIALLY BECAUSE IT IS **NOT OUR HOUSE!**

ELYON LIVES IN A CASTLE NOW! SHE WON'T GET ANGRY IF WE USE HER HOUSE FOR SOMETIME!

AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

I'M TRYING TO OPEN THE DOOR, WILL! CAN'T YOU SEE?

YOU MUSTN'T ARGUE BECAUSE OF ME!

WE ARE NOT ARGUING! **WE ARE HAVING A DISCUSSION!**

WE AREN'T HAVING A DISCUSSION! YOU ARE DOING IT ON YOUR OWN!

EXACTLY! YOU HAVE BEEN VERY USEFUL UP TO NOW, AND I CAN NEVER THANK YOU ENOUGH, BUT DON'T TRY TO STOP ME...

...BECAUSE IT'S USELESS!

T-RAK

WITH CALEB'S ARRIVAL, SOMETHING WAS CHANGING IN THE GROUP...

...AND SOMETHING ELSE WOULD HAVE CHANGED.

SMALL DETAILS OF UNFORESEEABLE EFFECTS.

SMALL DAILY GESTURES LIKE ENTERING A DOORWAY, SMALL GESTURES THAT ALWAYS LEAD TO THE SAME QUESTION...

AREN'T YOU COMING IN?

IF WE KNEW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN, WHO WOULD DARE TAKE A STEP FORWARD?

AND WHO WOULD HAVE THE COURAGE TO STAND STILL?

THEY'VE LEFT!

WHO CARES? LET THEM DO WHAT THEY WANT!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

IT SEEMS BEAUTIFUL! IT'S COMFORTABLE! IT'S DRY... BUT IT'S NOT MINE!

HAVING A HOUSE ISN'T SO SIMPLE DOWN HERE! YOU NEED MONEY TO PAY THE RENT AND FOR OTHER THINGS OF THE SORT!

...THINGS LIKE A NAME AND A SURNAME?

CORNELIA, I AM HAPPY THAT YOU ARE HERE WITH ME... BUT I DON'T WANT TO LIVE A TEMPORARY LIFE...

...I WANT A REAL LIFE! LIKE THE ONE OTHERS HAVE!

AND YOU WILL HAVE ONE! I ASK YOU TO STAY HERE FOR JUST A WHILE, GIVE ME TIME TO FIX THINGS...

I'LL BRING YOU FOOD AND CLOTHES AFTER SCHOOL! KEEP THE WINDOWS SHUT AND GO OUT AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE...

...AND DON'T EVER WANDER AROUND, ESPECIALLY WITHOUT ME!

BUT... CORNELIA!

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? YOU CANNOT ASK ME TO STAY LOCKED IN HERE LIKE A PRISONER!

PLEASE, CALEB! I'M ASKING YOU TO TRUST ME...

YOU WOULD HAVE HAD ANOTHER OCCASION TO DECIDE, CALEB... AN OCCASION TO LEAVE OR TO STAY.

AND FOR A REBEL WITH A PROUD SPIRIT AS YOURS, THERE WOULDN'T BE ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE.

I CAN'T STAY LOCKED INSIDE THE FOUR WALLS OF THIS HOUSE FOR AN ENTIRE DAY! CORNELIA WILL UNDERSTAND.

I'LL FIND A JOB AND PROVE TO HER THAT I KNOW HOW TO TAKE CARE OF MYSELF! I HAVE SURVIVED PHOBOS, I WILL EASILY SURVIVE THIS!

I KNOW HOW TO DO MANY THINGS, AFTER ALL! I KNOW HOW TO COMBAT! I USE THE SPADE VERY WELL, I KNOW HOW TO COMPETE WITH MY BARE HANDS AND THEN... THEN...

WANTED APPRENTICE

I'M SORRY SON... BUT I'M LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO KNOWS AT LEAST A LITTLE ABOUT MOTORS!

NO EXPERIENCE? NO WAY, THEN...

THAT'S TEN HOURS A DAY FOR SIX DAYS A WEEK! IS THIS WHAT YOU REALLY WANT, SON?

FATIGUE DOESN'T FRIGHTEN ME, I'VE TOLD YOU!

IF IT MAKES YOU HAPPY! LET ME SEE YOUR WORKING PAPERS, YOUR INSURANCE PAPERS AND...

I DON'T HAVE ANY! I JUST WANT TO WORK!

NOT ON MY WORK SITE! WITHOUT ANY DOCUMENTS, I CAN'T DO A THING FOR YOU! IT'S THE LAW!

THE LAW...

FOR THE TERROR OF MAKING A DEAR PERSON SUFFER, YOU WOULD NOT HAVE REACTED AGAIN, CALEB...

...FOR THE FEAR OF WINNING YOUR FEAR...AND NOT KNOWING WHAT TO DO AFTERWARDS.

IN A SITUATION WITHOUT A WAY OUT, AN UNEXPECTED EVENT WOULD HAVE CHANGED THINGS.

"AN UNEXPECTED EVENT WITH THE FACE OF A HARMLESS PASSER-BY ALARMED BY THE MOVEMENT AROUND THAT UNINHABITED HOUSE...

ZEUS

IT'S HIM, TED! THAT MAN'S REPORT WAS EXACT!

WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR, THEN?

STOP RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE! DON'T MOVE!

!

B-BUT WHAT'S WRONG?

WHAT'S WRONG, CALEB?

IT'S JUST THAT I'M SOME SORT OF STRANGER IN THIS WORLD! I FEEL LIKE SOMEONE WHO COULD NEVER BE ACCEPTED!

TODAY, I'VE REALIZED THAT THERE IS NO SPACE FOR ME AMONGST YOUR PEOPLE! IT'S YOUR LAW THAT SAYS SO!

THE LAW... WHAT DOES THE LAW SAY ABOUT THE TWO OF US?

WE HAVE ALREADY DISCUSSED THIS! LOOK, WILL ALSO FELT THAT WAY WHEN SHE ARRIVED IN HEATHERFIELD, BUT THEN...

PLEASE, CORNELIA...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO COMFORT ME! I AM NOT LOOKING FOR REASSURANCE AT ANY COST! I HAVE DECIDED TO COME HERE...

...BUT NOW I FEAR THAT I MIGHT HAVE MADE THE WRONG DECISION! YOU ARE THE ONLY RIGHT THING...

I'LL ASK MY PARENTS TO HELP YOU... I'LL USE MAGIC IF NECESSARY, BUT I DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU!

...BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH. IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING? I AM DOING EVERYTHING TO FIND A SOLUTION, CALEB...

THE ABSENCE OF DOCUMENTS AND OF A VALID EXPLANATION FOR THAT SITUATION WOULD HAVE BROUGHT YOU TO THE POLICE STATION...

...AND HERE THE EVENTS WOULD HAVE BEGUN THEIR COURSE, OVERWHELMING EVERYTHING.

I WANT TO PLACE A PHONE CALL!

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE ONE CALL! DO INFORM YOUR PARENTS...

CORNELIA WOULDN'T HAVE INFORMED HER FATHER AND HER MOTHER...

WOW! WE'LL BE RIGHT THERE!

...BUT THE ONLY PERSON CAPABLE OF GETTING HER OUT OF TROUBLE!

DON'T WORRY, CORNY! YOU'LL SEE THAT THINGS WILL GET BETTER!

THANKS, IRMA!

MMM...I DON'T THINK THAT IT'LL BE SIMPLE, GIRLS! YOUR FRIEND CALEB CAN'T TELL US...OR DOESN'T WANT TO TELL US...ANYTHING ABOUT HIMSELF...

...AND IF HE DOESN'T COOPERATE, I CANNOT GET HIM OUT OF THIS PLACE!

WHO WOULD BELIEVE HIS WORDS IF HE TOLD THE ENTIRE TRUTH?

I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG, SIR! I AM A FRIEND OF IRMA, CORNELIA, WILL, TARANEE, ELYON, AND HAY LIN!

ELYON? ELYON BROWN?

!

THE GIRLS CAN GO HOME! CAN YOU ACCOMPANY THEM, JOSH?

ALL RIGHT, SERGEANT LAIR!

BUT... WHY?

BECAUSE YOU OWE US AN EXPLANATION... ELYON'S NAME IS IN THE RECORD OF A FILED CASE...

...A CASE THAT I AM ABOUT TO RE-OPEN!

DOROTHY! FIND DETECTIVES MEDINA AND McTIENNAN FOR ME! THIS STORY INVOLVES THEM, TOO!

DISTANT NAMES AND FACES WOULD REMERGE FROM THE FOG OF THE RECENT PAST...

"...WHILE WHAT WAS BEGINNING WOULD HAVE BEEN THE LAST DAY OF W.I.T.C.H."

I REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW TO TELL YOU THIS, CORNELIA! DAD REMAINED AT THE STATION ALL NIGHT LONG...

...AND HE HAS JUST INFORMED ME THAT CALEB WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO AN OUT-OF-TOWN DEPARTMENT!

OH, NO!

WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING! WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE HIM THERE! WE WILL TAKE HIM AWAY DURING THE TRANSFER!

YOU WANT TO ATTACK A POLICE VAN? HAVE YOU GONE MAD?

IT'S THE ONLY CHOICE I HAVE...

...AND IF YOU DON'T WANT TO HELP ME, DON'T TRY TO STOP ME OR I WILL FORGET WHO YOU ALL ARE!

WAIT, CORNELIA...

CORNELIA?

DARN!

"HER HEART AND FEARS WOULD HAVE CONFUSED CORNELIA..."

"...WHO, DISTRAUGHT, DISTRESSED, AND BREATHLESS..."

"...WOULD HAVE ATTACKED TO DEFEND WHAT WAS MOST PRECIOUS TO HER."

THE CALM CORNELIA.

THE SOLID CORNELIA.

MAD WITH RAGE AND LOVE.

HEY! WHO IS THAT?

STEP ON THE BRAKE!

ZZZ-WARK

RRUMBLE

CRASH

SKREEEEEEE

"AN UPSIDE-DOWN WORLD NEVER TO RETURN TO ITS OLD FORM AGAIN."

I-I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE! HOW DID SHE DO THAT?

POW POW POW

IT DOESN'T MATTER! JUST DON'T LET HER GET CLOSE!

ZWIIIING

ZIP

OH MY...

ZWIIIING

KWHHHH
FTJMP
FTJMP
FTJMP
THE SHIELD IS COMPLIMENTARY...
HUH?
...OF THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR, BUT THIS DOESN'T MEAN THAT I AGREE WITH YOU!
CORNELIA, WE ONLY WANT TO HELP YOU...
YEP! LESS MISTAKES IN FIVE!
THANKS, MY FRIENDS! I KNEW THAT YOU WOULDN'T HAVE ABANDONED ME!
S-SERGEANT...
GIVE THE ALARM VIA RADIO! I DON'T KNOW WHERE THOSE FIVE CAME FROM, BUT WE WON'T LET THEM TAKE THE BOY!
LET'S FINISH THIS QUICKLY AND GET OUT OF HERE! LET'S GET CALEB!
DON'T HURT THOSE POLICE OFFICERS!
ONE OF THEM IS MY FATHER!
EH! EH! DON'T WORRY, IRMA!

IRMA!

"AN EMOTION TOO STRONG FOR IRMA. SHE WOULD HAVE COLLAPSED UNCONSCIOUS..."

"...AND THE KANDRAKAR SPELL WOULD HAVE BEEN BROKEN. AT THE WORST MOMENT."

IRMA?

IN THE WRONG PLACE.

IRMA, WHAT HAS HAPPENED?

DAD, I'M FINE! I'M JUST A BIT CONFUSED!

IRMA... IRMA...

OUR SECRET NO LONGER HAS REASON TO EXIST, GIRLS...

BUT... BUT WHO ARE YOU?

AH!
!
SKRANG
ZWIIIINK
GET OUT! GET OUT!
YOU!
GET AWAY FROM HERE, HURRY!
THE BOY IS ESCAPING!
!
BUT HE WON'T GO FAR!
NO!
SHA
POW
FTUP
"A GUN SHOT. A BULLET GONE MAD."
AND A GIRL WITHOUT FAULT ON THE ROAD.
YOU... SHOT ME?
THE SHOCK AND THE FEAR OF BEING WOUNDED.

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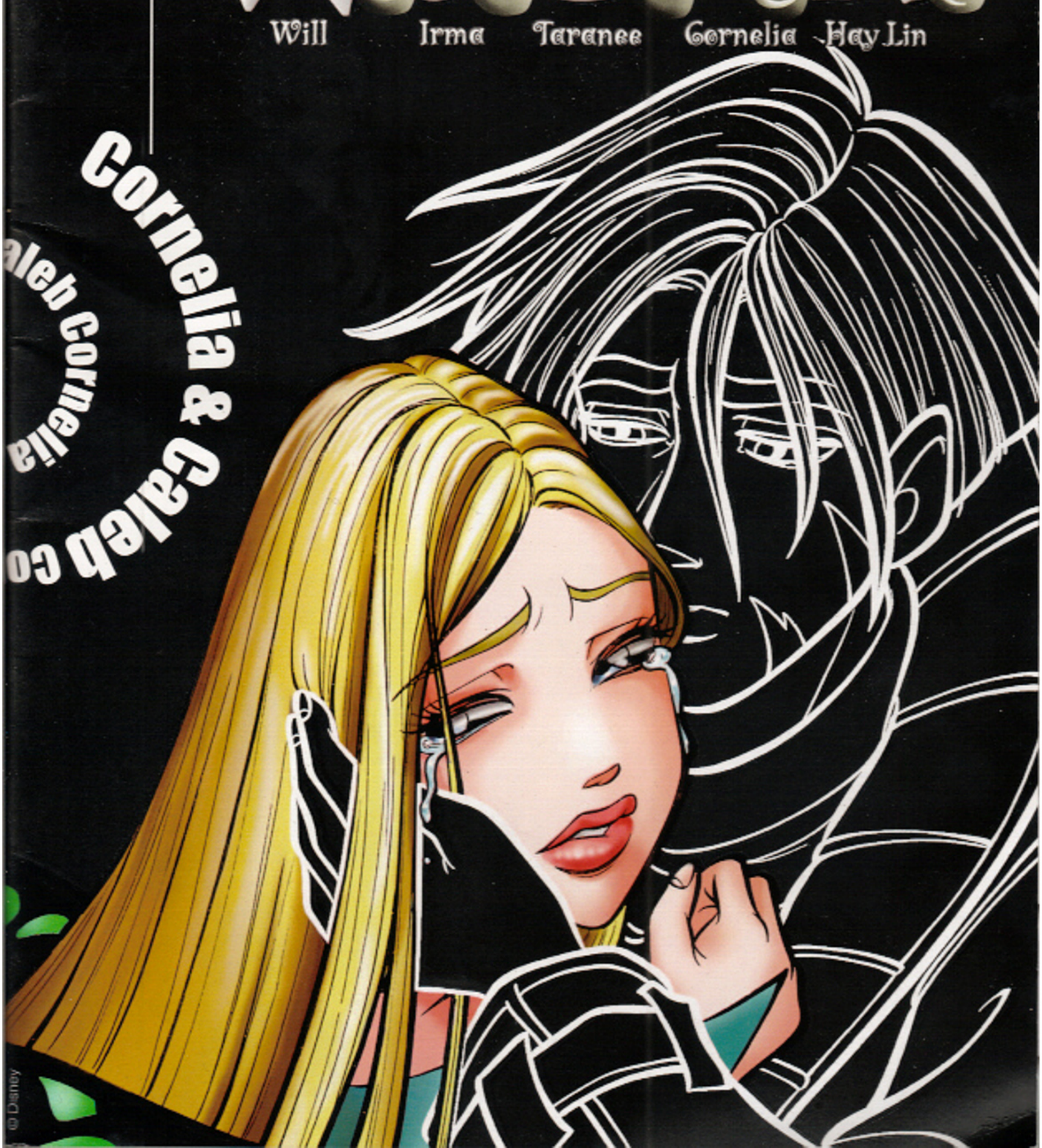

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SHA-WLAM

WEEEE-DOO. WEEE-OO

DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE US LIKE THIS, MR. LAIR?

"IT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE END OF IT ALL FOR THE W.I.T.C.H. GANG..."

"...AND FOR YOU, THE BEGINNING OF AN ENDLESS ESCAPE, PRISONER OF A HOSTILE WORLD..."

...FAR FROM EVERYONE TO HIDE THE SECRET THAT YOU BROUGHT ON YOUR FACE."

"WITHOUT CORNELIA, THE MAGIC WOULD HAVE ENDED. YOU WOULD HAVE HAD ONLY REMORSE AND REGRETS..."

"...AND THEIR WEIGHT WOULD HAVE VANISHED ONLY WHEN YOU CLOSED YOUR EYES EVERY NIGHT TO FIND REFUGE..."

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... OR PERHAPS NOT! BECAUSE OF PRIDE... OF COHERENCE... OF FEAR....

... OR BECAUSE OF LOVE!

REALITY NEVER OFFERS US A SECOND CHANCE, AND I DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE THE COURSE OF THINGS....

... BUT I CAN MAKE A CONCRETE DREAM SO THAT CORNELIA CAN GET A GLIMPSE OF THE LIFE THAT HAS BEEN DENIED TO HER....

THE CHOICE IS NOW HERS. SHE WOULD DISCOVER WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF SHE HADN'T LEFT CALEB....

... BY RETURNING TO THAT DAY AT KANDRAKAR... AND IF SHE HAD MADE THE DECISION THAT WOULD HAVE CHANGED HER VERY EXISTENCE!

I PROMISED YOU AN ANSWER IF I CAME OUT OF THE BATTLE WITH NERISSA ALL IN ONE PIECE.

CALEB, WHATEVER YOU DECIDE TO DO, NOTHING CHANGES FOR ME....

... BECAUSE I LOVE YOU MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, AND IT WILL ALWAYS BE THAT WAY!

!

I DON'T HAVE DOUBTS! I KNOW THAT OUR SITUATION IS COMPLICATED... I KNOW THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US...

... BUT I ALSO KNOW NOTHING MATTERS BECAUSE WE ARE ALL THAT COUNTS!

AND I HAVE MADE A DECISION, CALEB.

OH, CORNELIA...

YOU ARE JOKING, AREN'T YOU?

NO I AM NOT, GUYS! I AM GOING TO MERIDIAN!

BUT... BUT DO YOU REALIZE WHAT THIS MEANS? HOW... HOW CAN YOU LEAVE EVERYTHING... LIKE THIS?

I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT, WILL...

AND YOU WON'T CHANGE YOUR MIND, HUH? YOU'RE STUBBORN AS ALWAYS!

I LOVE CALEB AND I DON'T WANT TO LOSE HIM!

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU ARE SERIOUS! YOU CAN'T GO TO MERIDIAN! HEATHERFIELD IS YOUR HOME!

YOUR ENTIRE WORLD IS THERE! YOUR FAMILY!

WE ARE THERE, CORNELIA!

IF YOU'RE REALLY MY FRIENDS, PLEASE DON'T INSIST!

DON'T HOLD ME BACK!

I'LL COME BACK TO SEE YOU OFTEN! IT WON'T BE A REAL SEPARATION!

I WON'T ABANDON THEM BECAUSE MY ASTRAL DROP WILL ALWAYS BE WITH THEM!

YOUR DOUBLE? HOW CAN YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT? THAT'S... THAT'S HORRIBLE!

AND YOUR FATHER? YOUR MOTHER? YOUR SISTER LILIAN!

ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND? IT'S MADNESS!

EVERYTHING THAT SURROUNDS US IS MADNESS! WE ARE MADNESS...

... OUR LIFE IS MADNESS... AND THIS CHOICE IS THE MOST SENSIBLE ONE THAT I HAVE EVER MADE IN MY LIFE!

I HAVE DECIDED! I WILL LEAVE FOR THE METAWORLD!

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO W.I.T.C.H. WITHOUT YOU?

THE ORACLE WILL KNOW HOW TO REMEDY THIS! I RELINQUISH THE POWER OF EARTH!

OHH!

IT'S UNHEARD OF!

UNACCEPTABLE!

NOTHING LIKE THIS HAS EVER HAPPENED BEFORE!

THIS GUARDIAN OFFENDS THE CONGREGATION! I REQUEST AN OFFICIAL REPROACH FOR HER!

NOTHING OF THE SORT SHALL BE DONE, MY WISE FRIEND! CORNELIA HAD TO MAKE A PAINFUL YET SERIOUS DECISION...

... BUT IT IS A CHOICE THAT CAME FROM HER HEART, AND THEREFORE IT SHALL BE RESPECTED! I'LL GRANT YOUR REQUEST, CORNELIA...

MAY YOUR ASTRAL DROP TAKE LIFE! IT WILL FOLLOW YOUR COMPANIONS TO HEATHERFIELD AS YOU DESIRE...

KWIIIIN

AND MAY YOUR POWERS RETURN TO ME! YOU HAVE SERVED THE KANDRAKAR FORTRESS WELL....

... AND FOR THIS I THANK YOU, CORNELIA HALE!

OH!

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

MY APPEARANCE! I HAVE NOT CHANGED! I STILL... LOOK OLDER!

I KNOW THIS IS WHAT YOU WANTED!

THANK YOU, ORACLE! I... I...

YOU MUSTN'T SAY A THING! SAY GOODBYE TO YOUR FRIENDS AND PREPARE TO DEPART...

SHA-WAAAAAAAM

...THE PORTAL TO MERIDIAN WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR A LONG TIME!

GUYS, I...

DID YOU HEAR THE ORACLE, CORNELIA...

DON'T SAY A WORD!

THE STORY OF THE NEW GUARDIANS WOULD HAVE ENDED HERE. SOMETHING WAS BROKEN FOREVER...

... AND, IN SPITE OF APPEARANCES, NOTHING WOULD HAVE BEEN THE SAME!

AT A DISTANT UNIVERSE, AT LEAST SOMEONE WOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPY...

ELYON!

OH, BUT... IT'S REALLY YOU, CORNELIA!

I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU AGAIN! WHERE ARE WILL AND THE OTHERS?

I CAME ALONE... AND WE ARE HERE TO STAY!

WE? YOU AND WHO ELSE?

WELL, YOU SEE...

CORNELIA! I'LL FREE MYSELF FROM THIS BEAST AND BE RIGHT THERE!

OH, LET HIM CRUSH YOU CALMLY! THERE'S NO RUSH!

NOW WE HAVE ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD!

MMM...

THERE'S SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO TELL ME, RIGHT?

YES! BUT WHATEVER I TELL YOU... PROMISE NOT TO JUDGE ME!

I NEVER HAVE, CORNELIA... AND I CERTAINLY WON'T BEGIN NOW!

"ELYON KEPT HER PROMISE BY LISTENING TO CORNELIA AND RESPECTING HER CHOICE..."

"SHE OFFERED HER FRIEND A PLACE TO STAY IN THE CASTLE OF MERIDIAN..."

"CORNELIA'S JOY WAS ALSO ELYON'S..."

"... AND THIS WAS HOW IT WAS FOR WEEKS... MONTHS... A HAPPY TIME QUICKLY SPENT..."

"... A MOMENT MADE OF DAWNS LAUNCHED TO FOLLOW SUN-SETS, THINKING OF A NEW LIFE..."

"... AND OF WHAT HAD BEEN."

YOU'RE IN A BAD MOOD TODAY...

HUH?

NO... EVERYTHING IS ALL RIGHT, REALLY!

YOU ARE NOT GOOD AT LYING, CORNELIA! WHAT'S WRONG?

THERE IS NOTHING WRONG! HOW MANY TIMES MUST I REPEAT IT?

!

LET'S GO BACK TO TOWN, PLEASE! IT'S GETTING COLD!

YES, OF COURSE...

"THE COLD THAT CORNELIA FELT WAS BROUGHT BY THAT FROZEN WIND..."

"... A FROZEN BREATH THAT BLEW WITHIN HER!"

I DON'T HAVE DOUBTS! I'M CERTAIN OF WHAT I HAVE DONE, BUT...

"BUT", CORNELIA? IF YOU SAY BUT, THEN THERE IS AN UNCERTAINTY... AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT YOU CANNOT ALLOW!

WHAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR LOVE, FOR OUR LOVE, WAS AN IMMENSE GESTURE, ENORMOUS... A SACRIFICE THAT I WOULD HAVE NEVER ASKED OF YOU...

LEAVING YOUR WORLD... ABANDONING THE PEOPLE DEAREST TO YOU... I DON'T KNOW IF I WOULD HAVE HAD THE STRENGTH TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

YOU SAY IT ALMOST AS IF IT WERE A FAULT!

NO, CORNELIA! I SAY IT TO REMIND MYSELF, EVERY DAY, OF HOW GREAT YOUR LOVE IS...

... AND TO DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO DESERVE IT! THIS IS WHY I WANT TO HELP YOU...

MY PROBLEM IS CALLED **HOMESICKNESS**, CALEB...

YOU ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR ME... BUT THERE IS SOMETHING ELSE THAT I **CANNOT** FORGET...

... THAT I **DON'T WANT** TO FORGET...

... BUT WHICH I **MUST** FORGET IF I WANT TO CONTINUE LIVING HERE WITH YOU!

YES...

IS THAT ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY TO ME? CAN'T YOU GIVE ME A SOLUTION?

THERE IS A SOLUTION...

... BUT YOU MUST SPEAK TO ELYON ABOUT IT!

ARE YOU CERTAIN THAT YOU WANT TO KNOW?

I'M QUITE CERTAIN, ELYON! I HAVE NEVER BEEN SO CERTAIN IN MY ENTIRE LIFE...

PLEASE TELL ME, WHAT IS THE LERYN SOLUTION?

HERE IT IS, CORNELIA! IT'S THE SOLUTION TO YOUR PROBLEM... THE WAY OUT... FREEDOM... ESCAPE...

... IT'S OBLIVION! THE MEMORY VANISHES... IT FORGETS WHAT HURTS IN ORDER TO STOP SUFFERING!

THIS DISTIL HAS A LONG STORY, AS ANCIENT AS MERIDIAN ITSELF!

LERYN, ESCANOR'S WIFE, CREATED IT! THE FIRST QUEEN OF THE METAWORLD!

"JUST LIKE YOU, LERYN HAD TO MAKE A DECISION... AND SHE CHOSE LOVE! SHE HAD DECIDED TO FOLLOW HER ESCANOR..."

"HER HUSBAND HAD JUST BECOME THE GREATEST HERO OF THESE LANDS! A KINGDOM AWAITED HIM..."

"... SO LERYN RENOUNCED EVERYTHING THAT SHE HAD, JUST SO THAT SHE WOULDN'T NEED TO ABANDON HIM! THE SEPARATION WAS QUITE PAINFUL..."

...AND BECAUSE OF THIS, SHE DECIDED TO ERASE ALL THE MEMORIES OF HER LIFE SPENT ON EARTH!

LERYN MADE HER FINAL CHOICE! THE POTION, PREPARED BY THE MASTERS OF THE COURT, WAS NAMED AFTER HER!

TODAY, YOU ARE IN THE SAME PREDICAMENT!

WHAT WILL BE YOUR DECISION?

IF YOU HAVE THE STRENGTH TO DRINK IT, YOU SHALL FORGET EVERYTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED BEFORE MERIDIAN...

... YOU WILL START ALL OVER, FROM NOW AND FROM WHAT SURROUNDS YOU...

FROM CALEB. AND FROM THE METAWORLD.

I AM TELLING YOU EVERYTHING ONLY BECAUSE YOU HAVE ASKED ME TO! THINK WISELY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION, CORNELIA!

I HAVE ALREADY THOUGHT ABOUT IT, ELYON...

WE WILL LEAVE YOU ALONE! WE WILL WAIT OUTSIDE. YOU WILL NOT BE DISTURBED HERE!

THE WAITING LASTED AWHILE. A SUSPENDED TIME IN WHICH EVERY-THING IN THE MIND BECAME POSSIBLE...

"... BUT FROM THE ANXIOUSNESS OF THAT DOUBT, A SINGLE CERTAINTY WOULD HAVE ARISEN."

I HAVE ALSO CHOSEN.

"AND I HAVE CHOSEN THE LERYN SOLUTION."

FROM THAT DAY ON, CORNELIA'S NEW TIME TOOK LIFE. A TIME MADE OF THOUGHTLESS DAYS AND SMILES...

A TIMELESS TIME, WITHOUT HOURS AND WITHOUT SEASONS. BUT NOTHING IS FOREVER... AND THE MOMENT THAT WOULD CHALLENGE CORNELIA HAD ARRIVED.

SHE'S HERE! BUT I REALLY DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD SEE HER... ER...

... THE DAY IN WHICH THE PAST WOULD HAVE RETURNED TO CLAIM ITS PIECE OF THE PRESENT.

CORNELIA!

!

CORNELIA! THEY... ARE HERE!

OH! I AM SO HAPPY TO MEET YOUR FRIENDS! MY NAME IS CORNELIA...

... AND YOU ARE?

IT'S TRUE!

THAT'S WHAT I TOLD YOU! SHE HAS FORGOTTEN EVERYTHING! I'M SORRY, GUYS...

NO, ELYON! WE WON'T LEAVE WITHOUT SPEAKING TO HER!

IT'S NOT POSSIBLE! IT'S ME! **IRMA!** DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME?

WE'VE ALWAYS ARGUED... BUT WE LOVE EACH OTHER!

E-ELYON... WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

ENOUGH, PLEASE! YOU'RE FRIGHTENING HER! WHY HAVE YOU RETURNED?

BECAUSE WE ONLY FOUND OUT TODAY WHAT SHE HAD DONE WHEN WE VISITED KANDRAKAR!

IF WE HAD DISCOVERED IT SOONER, WE COULD HAVE AVOIDED IT!

WE'RE HERE TO GIVE HER WHAT SHE HAS LOST! WE ARE YOUR MEMORIES, CORNELIA...

OF COURSE, SOMETHING HAS CHANGED! WE ARE STILL WITCH, BUT NOW WE HAVE A NEW GUARDIAN WITH US!

HELLO, CORNELIA!

HER NAME IS ORUBE! NOW SHE IS THE KEEPER OF THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR!

I HAVE RENOUNCED THAT POWER! NOW, I HOLD THE POWER OF EARTH... THE POWER THAT ONCE BELONGED TO YOU!

YOUR WORDS ARE MEANINGLESS TO ME! I DON T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE SAYING!

THEN, TAKE A LOOK! ARE THESE IMAGES ALSO MEANINGLESS TO YOU?

IT'S YOUR FAMILY... BUT WHAT YOU SEE ISN'T YOU! A STRANGER HAS TAKEN YOUR PLACE!

MEMORIES ARE IMPORTANT, CORNELIA! YOU CANNOT KNOW WHAT THEY ARE WORTH UNTIL YOU LOSE THEM...

THEY KEEP PEOPLE NO LONGER WITH US ALIVE... THEIR WORDS... THEIR GESTURES!

THEY ARE WHAT MAKES US LIVE FOREVER, AT LEAST UNTIL THERE IS SOMEONE HAPPY TO REMEMBER US!

TAKE THESE IMAGES BACK!

THEY ARE YOURS, CORNELIA! DO WHAT YOU WANT WITH THEM!

ENOUGH!

I... I...

...I CAN'T TAKE THIS!

CORNELIA...

EXCUSE ME, CALEB... EXCUSE ME, ELYON...

... AND GIRLS, PLEASE FORGIVE ME!

CORNELIA!

AHA! SO THE TRICK HAS WORKED! YOU ARE BACK AMONG US!

CORNELIA HAS NEVER LEFT! HAVE YOU, CORNELIA?

YOU'RE RIGHT, ELYON! I DIDN'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO DRINK LERYN'S SOLUTION... SO I POURED IT AWAY...

I... I'M FINISHED WITH FORGETTING ABOUT EVERYTHING! IT WAS DIFFICULT... BUT I DID IT BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID OF LOSING WHAT I HAD...

... BUT, DURING ALL THIS TIME, I HAVE NEVER STOPPED THINKING FOR A SINGLE MOMENT ABOUT WHAT I HAVE ALREADY LOST!

YOU KNOW WHAT BINDS US, BUT NOW YOU ALSO KNOW THAT THIS WASN'T THE LIFE YOU WERE LOOKING FOR!

THE DISTANCE HAS MADE ME UNDERSTAND MANY THINGS! IT'S... IT'S DIFFICULT TO SAY IT...

... BUT YOU'RE HUMAN, CORNELIA! YOU MUSTN'T BE ASHAMED!

CORNELIA HAD UNDERSTOOD, AT HER OWN EXPENSE, THAT IN LOVE...

...A CHOICE YOU ARE NOT DEEPLY CONVINCED OF CAN HAVE DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCES.

"HER ABSOLUTE CHOICE HAD ENDANGERED HER TO LOSE THE FRIENDS THAT HAD SAVED HER, FOREVER."

"BUT CORNELIA WOULD HAVE RETURNED TO BE A PART OF W.I.T.C.H."

"SHE WOULD NOT HAVE LOST A SINGLE MOMENT OF HER LIFE... RETURNING TO WHAT SHE WAS... FOR HER FAMILY... FOR HER FRIENDS... AND FOR HERSELF..."

... AND FOR THOSE WHO LOVED HER."

WHAT ABOUT US?

"... EVERY NIGHT..."

"... IN OUR DREAMS..."

THIS IS NOT GOODBYE, CORNELIA! WE WILL ALWAYS FIND EACH OTHER...